

# ***Marilyn Kollath Papers*** ***1974-1985***

## *Preliminary Finding Aid*

**Creator:** Marilyn Kollath

**Extent:** 23.75 linear feet (11 boxes + oversize)

**Language:** English

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**Separations:** none

**See Also:** Mundelein College Paper Records

### **Biographical History**

From the mid-1950s to the late 1970s, Marilyn “Joy” Kollath worked various administrative jobs. She graduated from Mundelein College in Chicago, Illinois in 1977. She graduated from Mundelein’s Weekend College, a program designed for working adults to earn a degree by taking classes exclusively on weekends. After graduation, Kollath was an active member of the women’s theatre scene in Chicago and the broader Midwest. Her specialties in theatre were production and artistic direction. In December of 1977, Kollath was one of four founders of the Chicago Women’s Theatre Group (CWTG), an organization with the goals of filling the gender gap in theatre and presenting more positive images of women to general audiences. CWTG put on performances of plays written and produced by women and hosted regular play reading groups. Kollath was regularly a producer for CWTG stage shows.

In 1981, CWTG expressed interest in expansion and establishment of a permanent location. However, the group was unable to raise adequate funds for this endeavor and decided to dissolve rather than operate at limited capacity.

Kollath was often involved in theatre conferences. She served on panels for the First National Conference for Women in Theatre in San Diego, the First Chicago Women Writers' Conference, and was on the planning committee for the Second National Conference for Women in Theatre.

Kollath was active in a wide range of Chicago theatre organizations. In 1977, Kollath joined the Board of Directors of Chicago Theatre Strategy and was elected Vice President in January of 1980. Kollath acted as the Director of Resources and Services for the Chicago Theatre Foundation beginning in 1983. Marilyn Kollath joined the American Theatre Association in 1977 and participated in regional ATA meetings.

From the 1990s into the 2010s, Kollath worked with Project: Books, Etc.; an organization that donated books to classrooms, youth centers, women's shelters, retirement communities, and others in need of books in the Chicagoland area. Over the 30 years that Kollath was involved with the organization, Project: Books, Etc. donated thousands of volumes to dozens of community organizations.

**Scope and Content**

The Marilyn Kollath papers consist of 23.75 linear feet and span the years 1947-2018, bulk 1974-1985. Original provenance was maintained whenever possible. The papers consist of plays, photographs, correspondence, newspaper clippings, oversize quilts, interview audiocassette tapes, VHS tapes, and playbills from when Kollath was active in the Chicago theatre scene. Subjects covered include women in theatre, Chicago Women's Theatre Group, Joseph Jefferson Awards, Mundelein College, and the American Theater Association.

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	King's English for Queens (KEQ) [photos]	undated
1	2	KEQ: Nov. 26 Invitations	1978, 1979
1	3	KEQ: [loose: news clippings, photos]	1978-1980
1	4	KEQ: [loose: programs, photos] [duplicates]	1979
1	5	KEQ: Publicity [news clippings]	1979
1	6	KEQ: [loose: news clippings] [1 of 3]	1979
1	7	KEQ: [loose: news clippings] [2 of 3]	1979
1	8	KEQ: [loose: news clippings] [3 of 3]	1979
1	9	KEQ: [loose: news clippings, documents]	1979
1	10	Focus on Me [photos]	1979
1	11	[loose: news clippings]	1978
1	12	Cold Shoulder/Rape in Technicolor [loose: documents]	1977, 1978
1	13	Publicity for Rape in Technicolor	1978
1	14	Cold Shoulder/Rape in Technicolor: Attempted [news clippings]	1977-1979
2	1	Programs [1 of 3] [news clippings]	1982-1985
2	2	Programs [2 of 3]	1982-1985

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2	3	Programs [3 of 3] [news clippings]	1982-1985
2	4	Misc. Employed at Chicago Theatre Foundation	1983-1985
2	5	My Work at Chicago Theatre Fnd. And League of Chicago Theatres	1983-1985
2	6	LCT/CTF Third Annual Retreat July 30-31	1983
2	7	League of Chicago Theatres	1978-1984
2	8	Louisville Feb. 82 [photos]	1980-1982
2	9	Left League Misc. Theatre and Personal	1985-1987
2	10	Louisville Trip: My work at LCT	1985
2	11	My Job LCT [1 of 2] [binder]	1983-1985
2	12	My Job LCT [2 of 2] [binder]	1983-1985
2	13	CWTG: [loose: documents, finances, correspondence]	1979-1981
2	14	CWTG: Betsy	1979-1980
2	15	January 16, 1982 Talk at Lakeview Library	1981-1982
2	16	CWTG: Hedy Ratner	1978-1981
2	17	CWTG: Larry and Etta Stevens	1977-1980
2	18	CWTG: Dramatists Guild	1980
2	19	CWTG [loose: documents]	1982
2	20	CWTG: Women, other writers [news clippings]	1982-1991
2	21	CWTG: Chicago Women's Writers Conference	1979-1981
2	22	CWTG: Women's Groups	1977-1980
2	23	CWTG: Reviews of Plays by MJK [news clippings]	1978
2	24	CWTG: PR Mentions	1980-1981
2	25	CWTG: [loose: financial documents]	1980-1981
2	26	CWTG: Misc. Correspondence	1980-1982
2	27	CWTG: Release	1981
2	28	CWTG: Ellen Arnold Sales	1979
2	29	CWTG: [loose: documents, notes]	1978-1979
2	30	CWTG: Janet Sondin	1978-1979
2	31	CWTG: Dinner Party	1979-1982
2	32	CWTG: [loose: documents, correspondence]	1978-1979
2	33	CWTG: Legal Matters	1980
2	34	CWTG: [loose: documents] [news clippings]	1979-1994
2	35	Howland School Reunion	1947-2005
2	36	CWTG: Staged Reading Receipts	1980
2	37	CWTG: Phone Bills and Bank Statements	1981-1982
2	38	CWTG: Financial	1980-1982
2	39	CWTG: Directors	1979
2	40	CWTG: [loose: news clippings, documents]	1978-1981
2	41	CWTG: Misc. Papers Focus on Me	undated
2	42	CWTG: Play Reading Group	1978-1980

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2	43	CWTG: [loose: correspondence]	1978-1981
2	44	KEQ: American Queens [film negatives]	1978
2	45	KEQ: American King's English for Queens Scripts	1978
2	46	American KEQ: Press Releases	1978-1979
3	1	KEQ: [loose: documents]	1979
3	2	American KEQ: Production Folder	1979
3	3	KEQ: Contributions	1979
3	4	KEQ: Insurance Information	1979
3	5	American KEQ [news clippings]	1979, 1981
3	6	American KEQ	1979
3	7	American KEQ: flyers, old materials, free sellers, programs [1 of 2] [photos]	1979
3	8	American KEQ: flyers, old materials, free sellers, programs [2 of 2] [photos]	1979
3	9	KEQ Poster	1979
3	10	Focus on Me! Poster	1979
3	11	CWTG: [loose: stamps]	undated
3	12	Festival of New Plays (FNP): Theatre Brochures	1979-1980
3	13	FNP: October 6 Staged Reading	1980
3	14	FNP Claudia Allen	1980-1985
3	15	FNP: Publications [news clippings]	1980
3	16	FNP: Releases, Haymarket, Joanne Koch [news clippings]	1980
3	17	FNP: Cast, Haymarket	1983-1985
3	18	FNP: Joanne Koch, Haymarket [news clippings]	1979-1982
3	19	FNP: Haymarket: Footnote to A Bombing	1981
3	20	FNP: Haymarket Revised, Joanne Koch	1980
3	21	FNP: Haymarket: Footnote to a Bombing by Joanne Koch	1980
3	22	FNP: Haymarket	1980
3	23	FNP: Haymarket misc. [news clippings]	1980-1981
3	24	FNP: Haymarket Script	1980
3	25	FNP: Playwrights Returned Material	1980
3	26	FNP: November 3 Party and Invitation List	1980
3	27	Playwrights Unit (PU): Play Writing Unit	1980-1981
3	28	PU: Claudia Allen	1981, 1985
3	29	PU: [loose: scripts, documents]	1978-1979
3	30	PU: [loose: script, correspondence, news clippings]	1980-1981
3	31	PU: Play Reading-Marnie, Kathie Bolon	1980
3	32	PU: Kathy Bolon Wedding Gifts	1981
3	33	PU: Kathleen Lombardo [audiocassette]	1977-1981
3	34	PU: Kathleen Lombardo	1979-1985
3	35	PU: Anna McGravie	1981-1994

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3	36	PU: Anna McGravie [news clippings]	1987-1995
4	1	FNP: [The Drama Review]	1977
4	2	[loose: news clippings, photograph]	1980
4	3	Group Playwrights Festival [photos]	undated
4	4	Chicago Women's Theatre Group [news clippings]	1980
4	5	Chicago Women's Theatre Group [negatives]	undated
4	6	"Only I Can Remember Their Names" stage show [photos]	1980
4	7	Playwrights Photos	1980
4	8	FNP: Chicago Cultural Center Award Pick of Programs	1980-1981
4	9	Patron's Choice Award: Chicago Public Library Cultural Center	1981
4	10	FNP: Reader's Series	1980
4	11	FNP: 1980 Staged Readings Returned Scripts	1980
4	12	FNP: Sandy Royster	1979-1981
4	13	FNP: Staged Readings Releases	1979-1981
4	14	FNP	1980
4	15	FNP: Chicago Women's Theatre Group Inc.	1979-1980
4	16	FNP: Anne McGravie [news clippings]	1980-1981
5	1	Performance Recordings [slides, audiocassettes]	1977-1980
6	1	Playwrights Unit (PU)	1992-1993
6	2	PU: WRENS June 1985	1985
6	3	PU: "WRENS" by Anne McGravie 1984	1984
6	4	PU: We'll Meet Again by Anne V. McGravie [clippings]	1981-1983
6	5	PU: Rebels by Anne McGravie 1983	1983
6	6	PU: Anne's Play Runaways March 1983	1983
6	7	PU: Ghosts and Old Dreams 11/22/80	1980
6	8	PU: Ghosts and Old Dreams 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft by Anne V. McGravie	undated
6	9	PU: Ghosts and Old Dreams Revision 22 10/28/80	1980
6	10	PU: Revision on 10/15/80 Ghosts and Old Dreams	1980
6	11	PU: Ghosts and Old Dreams Revised August 1980	1980
6	12	PU: Anne McGravie Ghosts and Old Dreams	1980
6	13	Meade Palidofsky	1979-1982
6	14	Abuse Seminar [news clippings]	1979
6	15	[loose: Marnie McMahan Script, documents]	1980
6	16	[loose: scripts]	1977
6	17	A Century of Plays by American Women	1979
6	18	[loose: scripts]	1977
6	19	Interviews	1978
6	20	[loose: correspondence]	1978, 1986

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6	21	Carol Kleiman, Women's Networks [signed copy] [news clippings]	1979-1980
6	22-27	Theatre Books [6 volumes]	1974-1975, 1977-1979, 1981
6	28	Index Card Mailing List	undated
7	1	[loose: booklets]	1977-1979
7	2	[The Drama Review/Chicago Reforms]	1977, 1980
7	3	[Chicago Resource Directory for the Performing Arts]	1977
7	4	Playwrights, Theatres (PT) [loose: scripts]	undated
7	5	PT Playwrights 1984 [news clippings]	1984
7	6	PT [loose: Steppenwolf]	undated
7	7	PT: Playwright Correspondence [news clippings]	1979-1980
7	8	PT: Maria Irene Fornes [news clippings]	1978-1979, 2018
7	9	PT: Leslie Gannon	1978
7	10	PT: DUSA, FISH, STAS, and VI PAM GEMS	1978
7	11	PT: Tina Howe	1978-1979, 1981
7	12	PT: Belle London Dance on a Cracked Edge	1979
7	13	PT: Francine Major Playwright [news clippings]	1978-1979
7	14	PT: Eve Merriam [news clippings]	1977-1979, 1981
7	15	PT: CWTG Playwrights [news clippings]	1984, 2000, 2003
7	16	PT: [loose: The Skokie Indians] [news clippings]	1980, undated
7	17	PT: Corrine Jackers [news clippings]	1978
7	18	PT: David Mamet [news clippings]	1979, 1981
7	19	PT: Women's Theatres [1 of 2] [news clippings]	1978-1981, 1986, 1989
7	20	PT: Women's Theatres [2 of 2] [news clippings]	1978-1981, 1986, 1989
7	21	PT: Steve Carter [news clippings]	1981, 1982
7	22	PT: Playwrights [news clippings]	1978-1980
7	23	PT: Current Playwrights Correspondence [oversized]	1979-1981
7	24	PT: Referrals and Information Given	1979-1980
7	25	PT: Playwrights [news clippings]	1979-1983
7	26	PT: Women Directors	1984
7	27	PT: Feminist Theatres [news clippings]	1980, 1983-1984
7	28	PT: Theatre Contacts	1978
7	29	Focus on Me (FM): Bills for "Focus on Me"	1978
7	30	FM: Master Copy Focus on Me	1976
7	31	FM: Bobbi Ausubel	1978-1979
7	32	FM: Flyers [duplicates]	1978
7	33	Ad book Am. Kings English	1979
7	34	Donors Benefit Thanks	1978

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7	35	Focus on Me: Reader Ads [news clippings]	1978
7	36	FM: Benefit	1978
7	37	FM: Publicity, Chicago Women's Theatre Group	1978
7	38	FM: CWTGI Focus on Me [photo]	1978
7	39	FM: Releases Series Program [news clippings]	1978-1980
7	40	FM: Group Sales Letter	1978
7	41	FM: Program	1978
7	42	FM: Press Materials	1978
8	1	FM: Bobbi Ausubel 11/18/78-3 weekends	1978
8	2	Focus on Me [duplicates]	1978-1979
8	3	Master Copies	1980-1981
8	4	Letters of appreciation to Marilyn	1980-1981
8	5	Mundelein Marilyn	1975-1976, 1985, 1998, 2004
8	6	Mundelein	1980
8	7	Focus on Me! [duplicates]	1978
8	8	[loose: CWTG documents]	1978, 1981
8	9	FM: Production	1978, 1987
8	10	FM: Proofs and Negatives [photos]	1978
8	11	FM: Untitled Binder [1 of 2]	1978-1979
8	12	FM: Untitled Binder [2 of 2]	1978-1979
8	13	CWTG #2 [Binder]	1979-1980
8	14	Index Card mailing list	undated
9	1	Interviews Given	1978-1980
9	2	1979-1980 Appointment books	1979-1980
9	3	1981-1982 Appointment books	1981-1982
9	4	CWTG Membership	1977-1979
9	5	CWTG [news clippings]	1978-1981
9	6	CWTG: Cold Readings	1978-1980
9	7	Chicago Theatre Festival: Meade Palidofsky	1979
9	8	Meade Palidofsky Staged Reading Reentry October 17, 1979	1979
9	9	Meade Palidofsky [news clippings]	1985, 1996, 1998
9	10	Membership; CWTG Cold Reads [news clippings]	1977-1981
9	11	Playwright Info	1984-1987
9	12	CWTG Logo [slides]	undated
9	13	American Theatre Association Planning Committee	1981-1982
9	14	NY Plan Meeting	1978, 1981
9	15	Correspondence	1980-1983, 1985
9	16	Omaha Magic Theatre [news clippings]	1977-1984
9	17	Chicago Theatre Strategy	1978-1982

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9	18	PR Chicago Theatre Strategy: Attempted Rescue on Avenue B, Megan Terry	1977-1979
9	19	CWTG: Incorporation, Bylaws, IRS 501-C3	1977-1978, 1980
9	20	CWTG: Bylaws	1978
9	21	CWTG: Board Meetings [paper clips]	1977-1980
9	22	CWTG: IRS Filings and Materials	1978-1980
9	23	CWTG: Annual Reports	1978-1982
9	24	CWTG: Financials	1978-1981
9	25	CWTG: Annual Expenses	1980
9	26	CWTG: Copies of State and Federal Forms	1978-1979
9	27	Outstanding Bills	1979-1980
9	28	Budget	1977-1980
9	29	CWTG: Budget and Grants	1978-1979
9	30	Production Expense for American King's English	1978-1979
9	31	CWTG: Trial Balances	1979
9	32	Bills and Receipts Dec. 1, 1978-Nov. 30, 1979	1978-1979
9	33	Bills for American King's English for Queens	1978-1979
9	34	Deposit Records for "AKEFQ"	1979
9	35	CWTG: Board Meeting Minutes	1979-1980
9	36	Expenses to be reimbursed-CWTG	1978-1979
9	37	CWTG: Logo and Stationery Plans [slides]	undated
9	38	CWTG: CAPA (Chicago Alliance for the Performing Arts)	1978-1979
9	39	CWTG: Chicago Council on Fine Arts	1978-1980
9	40	CWTG: Fundraising, Grant Materials, Staged Readings	1980
9	41	CWTG: City Arts Correspondence	1979-1981
9	42	CWTG: Illinois Arts Council	1978-1980
9	43	Illinois Women's Agenda	1979-1980
10	1	CWTG: Chicago Theater Survey	1979
10	2	CWTG Proposals-Summer 1980	1979-1980
10	3	CWTG: Group Sales	1979-1980
10	4	Theatre Information Rental	1978-1979
10	5	Rosemary Hartnell	1980-1981
10	6	Phyllis Paulo Financial Reports	1979-1981
10	7	CWTG: Planning Sessions	1979
10	8	CWTG: Board Meeting-Annual Nov. 28, 1978	1978-1980
10	9	CWTG: Rummage Sale	1980
10	10	Potential Newsletter	1980-1981
10	11	Bernice Krichevsky	1980
10	12	Loose documents	1980, 1982, 1984
10	13	Joseph Jefferson Committee [Jeff Awards] [1 of 2]	1983-1984



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10	14	Joseph Jefferson Committee [Jeff Awards] [2 of 2]	1983-1984
10	15	Joseph Jefferson Committee: Completed Jeff Sheets [1 of 2]	1983
10	16	Joseph Jefferson Committee: Completed Jeff Sheets [2 of 2]	1983
10	17	Joseph Jefferson Committee: Resigned March 27, 1984 [Jeff Awards]	1983-1984
10	18	Actors Theatre of Louisville: 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Festival Feb. 18-Mar. 29, 1981 [news clippings]	1981
10	19	Actors Theater 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual festival of New Am. Plays-Louisville	1980
10	20	Actors Theatre of Louisville March 1984	1984
10	21	Actors Theatre of Louisville	1979-1981
10	22	American Place Theatre Women's Project Julia Miles [news clippings]	1979-1981
10	23	The American Women's Theatre [news clippings]	1978-1981, 1984
10	24	Apollo [news clippings]	1981, 1983
10	25	Body Politic [news clippings]	1979-1984
10	26	Chicago Dramatist Workshop	1981-1982
10	27	City Lit Theatre [news clippings]	1980
10	28	Playwrights Horizons [news clippings]	1979-1980
10	29	Midwest Playwrights	1982
10	30	Women's Playwrighting Conference, ATA [American Theatre Association]	1983
10	31	ATA & WTP Conference Minneapolis/ATA [1 of 2]	1983
10	32	ATA & WTP Conference Minneapolis/ATA [2 of 2]	1983
10	33	ATA 1982 3 <sup>rd</sup> Conference [1 of 2]	1982
10	34	ATA 1982 3 <sup>rd</sup> Conference [2 of 2]	1982
10	35	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference for Women in Theatre	1981
10	36	Press & Flyers-ATA 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Conference for Women in Theatre	1981
10	37	Dallas ATA-2 <sup>nd</sup> National Conference for Women in Theatre [1 of 2]	1981
10	38	Dallas ATA-2 <sup>nd</sup> National Conference for Women in Theatre [1 of 2]	1981
10	39	Chicago Network 1981 [news clippings]	1981
10	40	ATA Convention San Diego [1 of 2]	1980
10	41	ATA Convention San Diego [2 of 2]	1980
11	1	Beverly Byers Pevitts	1978-1979
11	2	ATA Convention NY August 12-15 [1 of 2]	1979
11	3	ATA Convention NY August 12-15 [2 of 2]	1979

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11	4	Illinois Theatre Association Conv. De Kalb	1977, 1980-1981
11	5	ACTA [American Community Theatre Association] Float and Materials 1978	1977-1979
11	6	ATA Convention August 1978	1978
11	7	Loose: Thank you note	2018
11	8	Thanks [1 of 2]	1994-2001, 2005-2012, 2016-2018
11	9	Thanks [2 of 2]	1994-2001, 2005-2012, 2016-2018
11	10	Project: Books, Etc. Thanks [1 of 2]	1993-2014
11	11	Project: Books, Etc. Thanks [2 of 2]	1993-2014
11	12	Chi. Book Store & Publishers who gave books	1994-1998, 2001
11	13	Thank you letter [framed]	2010
11	14	Glencrest Center Volunteer Service Recognition [framed]	2007
11	15	Framed Correspondence	2010
11	16	Thank You's [1 of 2]	2003
11	17	Thank You's [2 of 2]	2003
11	18	Project: Books, Etc. [1 of 2]	2000-2001
11	19	Project: Books, Etc. [2 of 2]	2000-2001
11	20	Village Award	2000
11	21	Project: Books, Etc. Award	undated
11	22	Trilogy Award	1999
OS	1	CWTG Notes	undated
OS	2	Logo Slides for TV Card Info	1979
OS	3	Focus on Me! [news clippings]	1978
OS	4	Cold Shoulder/Rape in Technicolor [news clippings]	1977-1978
OS	5	Loose: news clippings	1978